

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) to (c). Shri Jyoti Basu, Chief Minister of West Bengal had written to the previous Prime Minister Shri P.V. Nārasimha Rao by letter dated 7 February 1996 on the implementation of the Indo-Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement, 1974 and exchange of enclaves with Bangladesh. As per information available, There are 119 exchangeable Indian enclaves in Bangladesh and 72 exchangeable Bangladesh enclaves in India. The exchanges of enclaves are directly linked to and will necessarily follow the demarcation of boundary with Bangladesh. The demarcation of about 41 kilometers of the Indo-Bangladesh land boundary is yet to be completed. The Government propose to complete the task of demarcation of the boundary with Bangladesh with the cooperation of the concerned State Government.

Welfare of Prostitutes

2942. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Smt. Mohini Giri, President of National Women Commission has made some suggestions to the Union Government regarding the welfare of prostitutes;

(b) if so, the details of suggestions/recommendations; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government so far on these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Child Welfare Schemes

2943. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Adoption Resource Agency has issued revised guidelines on child welfare schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to direct State Government to follow the guidelines; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to implement the guidelines in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) Central Adoption Resource Agency has not issued revised guidelines on child welfare schemes. However, the Ministry of Welfare have issued revised guidelines to regulate matters relating to adoption of Indian children

during the year 1995 and published in the official gazette of India (Extraordinary) No. 109, dated 20.6.95.

(b) The objective of the revised guidelines is to provide a sound basis for adoption within the framework of the norms and principles laid down by the Supreme Court of India in its series of judgements delivered in *Kaxmikant Pandey Vs. Union of India* and others (CRL No. 1171 of 1982) between 1984 and 1991. The revised guidelines contain in details the role of the Govt. of India, State Governments/UTs, voluntary organisations etc., Procedure for inter-country adoption and for monitoring the progress for adoptive children are also given with a view to control and regulate the adoption of abandoned/destitute children.

(c) A copy of the guidelines have been sent to all State Governments for implementation.

(d) The guidelines have been notified on 20th June, 1995 and a copy of the same already issued to all State Govts./UTs, recognised agencies, VCAs and Scrutinising Agencies. State Govts. have been advised to implement the guidelines.

Juvenile Sex Abuse

2944. SHRI PINAKI MISRA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a two day seminar on Juvenile Sex Abuse was held under the aegis of the UNICEF in Panjim (Goa) in May-June, 1996;

(b) if so, the main revelations made there about the extent of sexual abuse (percentage) of children who fall a victim to such abuse within the families and in remand homes and children homes etc. and in custody, in India and other developing countries; and

(c) the effective steps contemplated to prevent such sexual abuse of children?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The seminar concluded that an exact estimate of the extent of sexual abuse of children would not be possible in view of the nature of the offence and recommended that efforts should be made to tackle the problem through the joint efforts of State, civil society, elected representatives of the rural and urban local self Governments and children themselves, universalisation of primary education and awareness generation.

[Translation]

Child Prostitution

2945. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA : Will the Minister of HUMAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact

that there has been a heavy increase in the number of incidents of child prostitution in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether a special team has been constituted recently to conduct indepth study of the said problem and to suggest about an action plan; and

(d) if so, the details of the action plan recommended by the said team so far to check the child prostitution?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. There are no reliable statistics available about the number of child prostitutes.

(c) and (d). The Government of India set up a Central Advisory Committee on Child Prostitution in March, 1994 which has submitted its report in May, 1994. The report contains recommendations in the area of enforcement of the law, removal of child prostitutes from redlight areas, institutionalised care of such rescued child prostitutes, counselling and vocational training for rehabilitation purpose and the setting up of an effective machinery for the implementation of the recommendations of the report. It has also recommended drawing up a plan for imparting appropriate orientation and sensitization training for such policy officers as well as other custodial officers who would be dealing with the problem of child prostitution.

[English]

Use of IAF Installations for Civil Flights

2946. SHRI ISWAR PRASANNA HAZARIKA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian Air Force installations in certain places are being used for operation of civil flights;

(b) if so, the names of such airports with periods upto which such use is being made;

(c) whether passengers are subjected to inconvenience in such airports because of security and other administrative controls enforced by the IAF authorities; and

(d) if so, the remedial steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Details of the airfields being used for operating civil flights are given in the enclosed statement.

(c) and (d). The passenger handling is done at the civil terminals, which are under the administrative control of Airports Authority of India. No incidence has come to the notice of Ministry of Defence/Indian Air Force where passengers were subjected to inconvenience at these airfields.

STATEMENT

1. Agra
2. Bagdogra
3. Bhuj
4. Chandigarh
5. Chabua
6. Gwalior
7. Jammu
8. Jamnagar
9. Jodhpur
10. Jorhat
11. Kanpur
12. Leh
13. Pune
14. Silchar
15. Srinagar
16. Tezpur

[Translation]

Development of Waterways

2947. SHRI NITISH KUMAR : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Russian rivers carry tide of investment" appearing in the 'Observer dated' July 13, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to develop rivers in the country on the lines of Russia; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (d). Yes, Sir. The information relating to development of Inland Water Transport in Russia and other countries like USA and Netherlands is being used as inputs for formulation of IWT development strategy and programmes in India.

[English]

Four Laning of National Highway No. 8.

2948. SHRIMATI BHAVNABEN DEVRAJ BHAI CHIKHALIA :

SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to develop the present National Highway No. 8 between Ahmedabad and Bombay into four lane road;